

**Town of Somers
7511 12th Street
Somers, WI 53171**

**Town Board Meeting
Agenda
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
5:15 pm**

| Town Board Meeting: | |
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| Item # | |
| 1 | Call to order |
| 2 | Pledge of Allegiance |
| 3 | Consent and Approval of Minutes of Town Board meetings on December 9, 2025 |
| 4 | Correspondence: |
| 5 | Citizens Comments |
| 6 | Chair & Supervisor Comments |
| 7 | Administrator's Report |
| 8 | Adjourn |

I hereby certify that as the designee of the chief elected official of the Town of Somers, I posted this notice of the January 9, 2026 Town Board Meeting & Agenda in 3 public places.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2026.

Wendy Burnette, Clerk-Treasurer

Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the Clerk's Office at 262-859-2822 with as much notice as possible. **Notice is hereby given that members of the Town Board may participate telephonically. Notice is hereby given that members of the Village Board may be in attendance for the sole purpose of gathering information. A quorum may be present. However, no Board action will be taken.**

**VILLAGE OF SOMERS
VILLAGE BOARD
WORK SESSION ITEM MEMORANDUM**

WORK SESSION: January 6, 2025

TO: Village President Stoner and Village Trustees

FROM: Jim Hurley, Village Administrator
Kevin Poirier, Assistant Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: #2 Administrator's Report

Below please find a bulleted summary of major issues that Administration has worked since our December 2, 2025 Work Session:

Development

- Two open houses were held Dec. 11 to answer residents questions about the proposed Red Oak power plant project that was submitted to the state. The PSC is looking at two sites and will be the one making the decision.



- Met with representatives of Maplecrest to discuss the proposed development agreement. Negotiations continue, and the Village is working with Maplecrest to complete the required exhibits. Also discussed options for the multi-unit portion of the plan. The

Village is working on duplex and condominium standards to be review by the Plan Commission, and the Board for possible action this month. Once completed, the the Village will share with interested developers.

- Met with representatives of the Somers Creek Development. Currently working to finalize MRO terms that are agreeable to both parties and supported by Ehlers. Also, determining maintenance requirements and responsibilities for the bike trail.
- Met with HSA about a prospective company interested in the approximate 1 Million square foot building. Discussed zoning and use requirements.
- Met with WE Energies to discuss utility placements at Somers Creek. WE agreed to locate utility pedestals in the rear yards.
- Attended the Kenosha County Planning Directors meeting to discuss ongoing developments in the region. The Kenosha Area Business Alliance (KABA) is gauging municipal interest in contributing to a regional housing study to encourage in-demand housing developments.
- Met with Mastercraft to discuss possible development options for parcel 82-4-222-171-0043. Mastercraft is considering submitting a preliminary plat to the Plan Commission sometime this year.

Administration

- Met with A&O and another auditing firm to discuss the Village's 2025 audit. The Village would like to improve efficiencies and receive additional guidance to complete more financial requirements in-house. While the prospective firm was helpful, the Village will continue with A&O for the 2025 audit year. The Village may consider another firm for the 2026 audit.
- Spyglass, a technology expense management firm, reviewed the Village's technological communications bills and services, including Charter Spectrum, Microsoft, Verizon, ATT First Net, and BCM One. Spyglass confirmed that the Village has no overcharges and recommends no changes in plans. Spyglass's fee is based on savings, so the Village was not charged.
- Met with Ehlers to review the Village's adopted budget, capital improvement plan, and commence work on the long-term financial management plan. Staff plans to review and discuss options with the Village Board by the end of Q1 2026.
- Coordinated the update of the Village and Town computers to Windows 11. All but one are now on the new software. That one will be upgraded to a new machine shortly. At that time all will be running the new operating system.
- Met with the Town of Paris to discuss revenue sharing between the Village and Town now that there is improved value within the growth area. Paris agreed to delay the Village's payment until the formula is updated by Ehlers. The formula must be approved by the Intergovernmental Commission.

- Conducted performance reviews with department heads. Due to my late start date, we mainly discussed job descriptions and 2026 goals. A performance appraisal form is being developed for 2026.
- Met with the National ZIP Code Coalition to review the Village's efforts for a unique ZIP Code. Eight Bills are currently under consideration by the Senate's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. Of those, two: S. 1455 and S. 2961 mention the Village of Somers. The Bills will need to be recommended for a vote. Wisconsin US Senator Ron Johnson is on that committee. Feel free to reach out to him and remind him how important this is to several municipalities in the state.
- Met with Moody's to discuss the Village's rating. While the Village's rating is handled by S&P, Moody's still holds ratings on debt issuances going back to approximately 2017. Moody's affirmed the Village's general obligations rating at A1, and water and sewer at A2.
- Assisting the Village's incoming temporary judges Richard Ginkowski and Michael Easton. The judges are reviewing operations and will implement improvements as necessary.
- Administration is working on food truck licensing procedures. This past August, the item was discussed by the Village Board. Staff will submit a recommended ordinance and procedures to the Board no later than the end of Q1 2026.
- Met with Microsystems, a scanning and microfilming conversion services company, to review and quote for digitization of documents currently stored in the basement. The Village received multiple quotes and staff will discuss proposed plan with the Village Board.
- Attended a demo from Catalis, a website service provider. Locally, the City of Beloit has a Catalis website. Staff was pleased with the quality, simplicity, and pricing. Staff is reviewing other components such as its agenda management system. A recommendation will be provided to the Village Board in late Q1 or early Q2 2026.
- Met with residents to discuss the feasibility study for the 12th Street water main project. Engineer Doug Snyder was present to discuss his report and answer questions. The Village is planning to host the required public hearing in February 2026. Impacted residents will receive notices prior to the meeting.
- Village President Stoner was on the front page of the Dec. 30, 2025 Kenosha News reflection on the Village's 2025 achievements and looking forward to 2026.
- The first email newsletter was sent out to residents who signed up. If you want to receive the newsletter, please fill out the form on our website at: <https://www.somerswi.gov/stay-connected-with-the-village-of-somers/>